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January 10, 1918.

Dear Dok:

Your letter of January 2nd received while I was away.

I note with pleasure what you have to say in regard to the work of the military unit at Halifax, also Colonel Bell's letter. Lester Hart says the A. P. would not use such a letter, would not consider it news, however I think it appeared in the Portland papers. I think such letters would better be sent to this office as we have several reporters here every day getting news for the press throughout the State and they could be better distributed from here than Brunswick.

You most admirably size up Cragin, I have known him from a boy. Think we should go right along and pay no attention to him whatever. At the meeting of the Council when you make your report I want Dr. Harris and Dr. Bradbury and if possible three or four other leading surgeons around here to come in to back up our plan for a field hospital. I know Dr. Harris is very much in favor of it, also Dr. Bradbury, and Dr. Stubbs of this city, also Dr. O'Connor. Don't you think we could get Dr. Thayer from Portland to come down and speak for us. You know him very well, take the matter up with him and see if you can get him interested.

It seems that Dr. Tom Foster of Portland has left town for good. While Dr. Bradbury was conducting the physical examinations there he had a young man assist him whom he recommends very highly and I think he is going to take the matter up with you. Look him up if he is the man we want and if Tom is to be away we would better appoint him as a medical officer for the 3rd Maine.

I am returning your letters you sent me to read. As soon as the next Council meeting is announced I will let you know.

In reading over the resolutions I was rather disgusted that they should have gone on so much in regard to the Massachusetts relief and the Red Cross when really we were on the second train to reach Halifax. Do you think it would be wise to call Bell's attention to this and see if it can be corrected? Do as you think best.

Yours sincerely,

Maj. G. M. Elliott,
Brunswick, Maine.

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